

**One-Time Funding to Enhance HCBS Services  
Frequently Asked Questions  
January 5, 2022**

1. Q: When will the funding become available?  
A: Funding is anticipated to be distributed prior to March 31, 2022. Funding may be distributed sooner, pending approval from CMS.
2. Q: What is the time frame to spend the funding?  
A: Funding is to be expended by June 30, 2023.
3. Q: Will funding be given up front or through a reimbursement process?  
A: Funding will be distributed as a one-time up-front payment. The provider will be required to attest as to how funds will be used. Payment will not be on a reimbursement basis.
4. Q: Will expenses need pre-approval?  
A: No, but all expenses must meet the allowable uses as outlined within the funding agreement.
5. Q: What type of reporting will need to be done?  
A: Providers will be required to report information within the categories outlined in the agreement. The State will continue to work with providers to develop a reporting instrument.
6. Q: What is the definition of “direct care staff”?  
A: Staff member or employees who are directly providing care, services, or supports to a patient or person-served on a routine basis.
7. Q: Is the funding based on total Medicaid funds given to the provider or is it specific to a qualifying program/service?  
A: Funding is based on qualifying home and community-based services and certain Medicaid funded services provided in community mental health centers and enrolled substance use disorder providers pursuant to federal requirements.
8. Q: How should these funds be shown on the cost report?  
A: Guidance will be forthcoming regarding any cost report requirements.
9. Q: Are there any limits per person for retention or one-time compensation spending?  
A: There is no per person limit, but the State expects no more than 55% of the total funding to be spent on direct care workforce compensation adjustments.
10. Q: Can funds be allocated to previous expenditures?  
A: Pursuant to federal requirements, funding must be used for expenses incurred after awards are distributed.